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TO MR & MRS DOUGLAS THORNTON,

FIFTEEN BILTAM RD.,

WHITE PLAINS NEW YORK

TELEPHONE 914-941-2160

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I DEEPLY REGRET TO INFORM YOU THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED WORD OF THE PRESUMPTIVE DEATH OF YOUR DAUGHTER, PATRICIA ANN THORNTON, FROM OUR EMBASSY AT LUSAKA. IT IS ALLEGED BY UNITA THAT MISS THORNTON WAS CAPTURED IN LATE AUGUST AND KILLED SHORTLY THEREAFTER. AN OFFICIAL OF UNITA HAS PROMISED TO WRITE TO YOU. THIS OFFICIAL INFORMED OUR EMBASSY IN ZAMBIA THAT HE IS NOT CONFIDENT THAT MISS THORNTON'S REMAINS AND POSSESSIONS WILL BE LOCATED, GIVEN THE CONFUSED COMBAT SITUATION IN LUSO.

YOU MAY WISH TO TELEPHONE THE OFFICE OF SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES (202) 632-1423 TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL DETAILS. PLEASE ACCEPT OUR SYMPATHY IN YOUR BEREAVEMENT. DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON, D.C. INGERSOLL

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